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From the President

Well we made it! The “Minnesota Amateur Radio Technical Society” was officially born March 3, 2012. I want to personally thank each of you that were at the meeting for making it a great start. We had a constructive discussion regarding our constitution, bylaws, and the direction of the club. Many thanks go out to everyone that worked behind the scenes – from coming up with a name, to the constitution, to the website (more on this later).

I encourage each of you to get involved by coming to the meetings, joining, and participating in our activities. We had a great turnout for FYBO and a kit-building day in February. We are hoping to participate during Field Day as well.

As for the website, we are still working on it and the club reflector. As most of you know, our desire is to have a strong website with technical content and links. We are also hoping to record our monthly presentations and make them available for those that can't make it to our meetings. We have a couple of members that are working hard to make this happen as soon as possible. We'll have more info at the next meeting.

Our goal, in the words of Steve, NW0C, is to be the go-to club for technical aspects of amateur radio. And it doesn't matter what your current level of knowledge is in order to become involved. There are probably not too many that had less technical knowledge than me when I started attending the MNQRP meetings two years ago – I had never even soldered anything. I had also not been on HF via SSB, CW, or any of the digital modes. However with the elmering and encouragement of MANY members of the group, I have built a few projects such as the club build's – the AA0ZZ keyer and the PSKmeter. I'm still trying to figure out how a basic oscillator works, but I'll eventually get there with the help of this group. And to have you honor me as the new president of the club just proves that anyone can contribute if you have the desire. So if you have any questions, or want to plug in somewhere, please let us know and we'll help. We have the best technical experts around.

See you April 7th!

73 de chuck ka8hde

Program for April Meeting:

Digital Adventure with JT65HF and WSJT – presented by Kirk Pengelly, N0KK

Web Site & Reflector

Thanks to Jeremy Moody and Jay Taylor we have a new web site!! They have also set up a Google reflector.

You can join the reflector by visiting the web site and then clicking on “Email Discussion List” on the left side of the page. Follow the directions and you should be joined to the list.

The web site and reflector will be the main means of communicating with the membership moving forward.

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Need a New Antenna????

A new **Palmetto Vertical** Antenna which was donated by the Minnetonka Club will be auctioned off at our next meeting. It is new in the package!! Here are the specs:

50/144/440 MHz
150 watt max power
Gain:
2.15 db/50 MHz
6.2 db/144 MHz
8.4 db/440 MHz

March 3, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Steve, NW0C, presided at 1:30 PM.
Attendance: 26
Introductions were made around the table.

The meeting began with a discussion led by Chuck, KA8HDE, of the proposed constitution and bylaws. After much discussion, a motion was made to approve them based on changes suggested during the discussion. The motion was adopted unanimously. See attached for final documents.

The next order of business was a discussion led by Dave, W0RU, regarding the new club name. A vote was held with the name “Minnesota Amateur Radio Technical Society” as the winner.

Next a vote was held for new officers. Each was elected unanimously and unopposed.

President: Chuck Stroud, KA8HDE
Vice President: Larry Gaalaas, KB0R
Secretary: Steve Ulrich, NW0C
Treasurer: Paul Bushouse, N0TYE
At-large Board Member: Jay Taylor, no call.

In order to stagger the future elections, a motion was made to make the first terms of the Vice President, Treasurer, and At-large Board members one year. The motion was unanimously approved.

Finally, a motion was made to implement dues of \$20 for the year beginning March 2012 through February 2013. Motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Show & Tell:

Larry, KB0R, gave a presentation on many of the software packages he has used, as well as some of the websites that he finds useful. They included: N3JFP, HRD, Digital Master, MMTTY, Winkey, Remote Desktop, Skype, WSPR (wspnnet.org).

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck – KA8HDE



Larry Gaalass/KB0R

Mid Winter Madness

Our club was well represented at the recent hamfest in Buffalo. From all accounts everyone had a great time. Here are a couple of photos.



Group listens to Larry's presentation



Jeremy Mooney/KC0LDE,
Chuck Stroud/KA8HDE,
Larry Gaalaas/KB0R



Tom Kent/WM0SS, Dave Kent/W0RU

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